

1200 AD

Continuing erosion and overfarming of a limited area led the MAYA to abandon the entire region around COATAN (Honduras).

Only then, according to recent pollen studies, did the forest begin its recovery.

13th Century

1200 to 1300 AD

Forged by an unknown iron-smith, the first mechanical clock is believed to have been built for an English monastery. clocks consisted of crude iron gears driven by weights

1200-1400 AD

OZETTE

The Makahs of the Olympic peninsula used dugout canoes and 18-foot - long harpoons to hunt whales in the Pacific.

A mudslide from a steep cliff buried the MAKAH settlement at OZETTE more than 500 years ago, dooming the villages but preserving their tools, baskets and sculpture.